

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose and function of the City of Warren Crime Commission shall be to bridge the gap between law enforcement, city council, government and the community.

WARREN CRIME COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES August 02, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rex Marshall	Y		Najim Ahmed	Y	
Sumon Kobir	Y				
Tracy Antrikin	Y				
Angela Middleswart	Y				
Mike Riley	Y				
Jay Jackson	Y				

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

Captain Rushton		N
Garry Watts	Y	
Caitlin Murphy	Y	
Lt. Ala	Y	

CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Marshall called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Riley led the attendees in the Pledge of the Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Commissioner Middleswart, seconded by Commissioner Riley to approve the Minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion by Commissioner Kobir, seconded by Commissioner Middleswart, to approve the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING: Jo Ann Christian stopped by to see what was going with the Crime Commission. Mr. & Mrs. Miller have never attended a Crime Commission meeting before and they wanted to see what was discussed at a meeting. David Strunk stopped by to talk to Lieutenant Ala regarding a personal matter.

CORRESPONDENCE: Commissioner Middleswart had a direct conversation with Ms. Battle, at City Hall, in regards to how we are handling Petty Cash. Reimbursements must be for an event that is serving the public. If the event cost \$75.00. The reimbursement receipts can't be separated at \$25.00 each. It needs to be for the full \$75.00 Donut Castle will accept Blanket Purchase Orders.

CAPTAIN RUSHTON'S REPORT: Captain Rushton was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Lieutenant Ala reviewed the current crime trends in the City of Warren along with upcoming events.

EX-OFFICIO GARRY WATTS'S REPORT: Ex-Officio Watts reviewed the current events with the City of Warren Council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Commissioner Middleswart distributed two Treasurer's Reports. The first report was the 2022- 2023 Fiscal Year End. We ended the year with \$450.19 left over. July's report is the start of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. There are no transactions at this time. A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Kobir to approve the two Treasurer's Reports for the month of August. The motion passed unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Nothing new to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Gena Benson Key:

Commissioner Riley drove by former Commissioner Benson's house and no one appeared to be home. Commissioner Riley will try again. The Police Department may need to get involved.

Crime Commission Appreciation Dinner:

Commissioner Marshall stated that he contacted Fire Commissioner McAdams because the Fire Department no longer wanted to participate in our Annual Crime Commission Appreciation Dinner. The Fire Department was disappointed with the medallions that had misspelled words two years in a row. Also, they would prefer a plaque they could hang in the fire house. Moving forward we can issue one plaque per Squad / Unit with all their names individually listed.

Crime Commission will be honoring four individuals from C.E.R.T this year. Commissioner Riley forwarded those names to Assistant Secretary Martin.

Assistant Secretary Martin reserved Wednesday, October 18th at the Gazebo for our Crime Commission Appreciation Dinner event. She will contact the Gazebo and get a plate price and tentative head count so Commission Middleswart can issue a Purchase Order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police / Fire Open House: Lt. Ala mentioned that the Police / Fire Open House will be September 10th from 12 to 3 pm at Police Headquarters.

Nomination of Officers: Commissioner Marshall stated that with all his recent health situations, he has decided to stay on the Crime Commission; however, he is not going to run for Chairperson. A motion by Commissioner Antrikin, seconded by Commissioner Jackson to open Nomination of Officers.

Chairperson: Commissioner Middleswart nominated themselves for Chairperson.

Vice Chairperson: Commissioner Jackson nominated Commissioner Riley. Commissioner Riley accepted the nomination.

Secretary: Commissioner Middleswart nominated Commissioner Antrikin. Commissioner Antrikin accepted the nomination.

Treasurer: Commissioners Antrikin, Middleswart and Jackson nominated Commissioner Kobir for Treasurer. Commissioner Kobir accepted the nomination.

CERT Disaster & Emergency Preparedness: Commissioner Riley distributed a Disaster & Emergency Preparedness flyer. This is a free event. CERT will have the following scheduled events: First Aid / CPR / AED / STB, Amateur Radio (Ham) Fire Extinguisher usage, Narcan Classes and more. This event will be on Sunday, August 20th at Warren Civic Center South from 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Commissioner Riley wanted to extend an invite to the Crime Commission. After a brief discussion, the Crime Commission has decided to participate in this event.

Goodie Bags: Commissioner Marshall stated that at last month's meeting we agreed to participate in Septembers Senior Seminar. Next month we will confirm a date to do the goodie bags.

Roundtable:

Martin: Nothing new to report.

Ahmed: Nothing further to report.

Murphy: Nothing new to report

Ala: Nothing further to report.

Kobir: The Bangladesh Association of Michigan – BAM held a festival on Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd. There was 10 to 15,000 people in attendance. Thank you to Garry Watts and the Police Department for showing up. We plan on hosting this event next year.

Marshall: Nothing new to report.

Middleswart: Nothing further to report.

Watts: I have received a complaint from a Warren resident on Alger Street that there are several commercial trucks that are parked in the street making driving difficult. The "Hot Sheet" seems to be very lite lately.

Jackson: Nothing new to report.

Antrikin: Nothing further to report.

Riley: Nothing new to report.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion by Commissioner Middleswart, seconded by Commissioner Kobir adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Our next Meeting will be on September 06, 2023 @ 6:00 pm. at the Crime Commission Building at 5959 Beebe Street.

Commissioner Antrikin has housekeeping duties for the month of September.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Martin - Secretary's Assistant

